Life is a Circle

Black Elk - Oglala Sioux (1863-1950)

Everything the power of the world does,
    is done in a circle.

The sky is round
and I have heard that the earth
    is round like a ball,
and so are all the stars.

The wind in its greatest power whirls.
Birds make their nests in circles;
for theirs is the same religion as ours.

The sun comes forth and
goes down again in a circle.
The moon does the same
    and both are round.

Even the seasons form a great circle
    in their changing
and always come back
to where they were.

The life of a man is a circle,
from childhood to childhood.
and so it is with everything
where power moves.
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L I F E    I S    A    C I R C L E

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The sky is done in a circle.

The sky, sss aah!

The sky, ah ah ah.

The sky, every thing, every thing.

The sky is round, is round,

is round, is round,

is round, is round,

is round, is round,

is round, is round,

is round, is round,

thing is round, is round,
is round and I have heard round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round. 

that the earth is round like a is round, is round, is round is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round, is round. 

and so are
ball, and so are all the stars, all the stars.
is round and so are all the stars, all the stars.
and so are all the stars, all the stars.

The stars, all the stars, all the stars.
stars, all the stars, all the stars.
stars, all the stars, all the stars.

stars, all the stars, all the stars.
The wind whirls, the wind, the wind whirls, the wind whirls, the wind, the wind whirls.

It's greatest power.

The wind, the wind, the wind whirls, the wind whirls, the wind, the wind.

The wind, the wind, the wind, the wind whirls, the wind whirls, the wind, the wind.

Life is a circle, life is a whirl, the wind, the wind.
whirls, the wind whirls, the wind whirls.

whirls, the wind whirls, the wind whirls.

whirls, the wind whirls, the wind whirls.

circle, life is a circle, mmh

whirls the wind whirls

whirls. mmh

whirls. mmh

whirls. mmh

whirls. mmh

whirls. mmh

whirls.

Birds make their nests in
mmh mmh for their's is the same religion,

mmh mmh for their's is the same religion,

mmh mmh their's is the same religion,

circles; for their's is the same religion,

the same as ours.

The same as ours.

same as ours.

same as ours.

same as ours.
The sun comes forth and goes down

The sun comes forth and goes down

The sun comes forth and goes down

again in a circle,
moon does the same and

the moon does the same and

...in a circle and

does, does the same, the same and

both are round.

both round, mmh

both round, mmh

both round, mmh

both round, Ev en_
The seasons form a circle, the seasons form a circle,- the sea sons-

The seasons form a circle, the seasons form a circle,- the sea sons-

...the sky ...the earth ...the sun

in their changing and always come back

form a circle, they form a great circle, they form a great circle,-

form a circle, they form a great circle, they form a great circle,-

...the moon ...the sky ...the earth ...the sun

a great cir - -
to where they were.

The circle, the circle

The circle, the circle

...the moon

circle, circle

circle, circle

life of a man is a circle from childhood to

life of a man is a circle from childhood to

The life of a man is a

The life of a man is a
childhood and so it is with everything where

childhood so it is with everything

circle so it is with everything

circle so it is with everything

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pow-er moves, where

where pow-er moves, where pow-er moves, where pow-er moves, where

...in a cir-cle... in a cir-cle...

...pow-er... pow-er... pow-er... pow-er...
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power moves. Life

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is a circle, everything

The sky is round,

The sky is round,

Ev-ery-thing,

...pow-er...where pow-er moves.

...pow-er...where pow-er moves.

Ev-ery-thing, Ev-ery-thing

...pow-er...where pow-er moves.

...pow-er...where pow-er moves.

Ev-ery-thing, Ev-ery-thing

the moon is round, and ev-ery-thing is_ _ _ round;_ the sun is round,

the moon is round, and ev-ery-thing is_ _ _ round;_ the sun is round,

ev-ery-thing is done in a circle; ev-ery-thing,
is in a circle.

Every thing.

and life is a circle.

(sussurrando)

and life is a circle.

is done in a circle.

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aah!

EVERYTHING...

EV-ERY-THING...